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In re Application of:	§	
Ozaki et al.	§	Group Art Unit: 1644
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I, JUNKO SOBAJIMA, DECLARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. I, along with Shoichi Ozaki, Fumio Osakada, Hiroko Uesugi, Takahiro Okazaki, Masao Tanaka, Kazuwa Nakao, Michiteru Yoshida, and Hitoshi Shirakawa, am a co-inventor of the subject matter claimed in the captioned patent application.
2. I understand that the Examiner in charge of assessing the patentability of this application believes that the claims of the application are obvious in view of Sobajima, et al., *Clin. Exp. Immunol.* 105:120-24 (July 1996).
3. I am providing the present declaration to explain that the authors S. Sumita and K. Mori, listed on the *Clin. Exp. Immunol.* reference, did not make an inventive contribution to the claims pending in said application and thus were not listed as named inventors. S. Sumita and K. Mori

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worked entirely under my direction and control in contributing subject matter to the foregoing *Clin. Exp. Immunol.* reference.

4. At the time of preparing the *Clin. Exp. Immunol.* reference S. Sumita was a graduate student at the Graduate School of Medicine at Kyoto University. S. Sumita contributed to the published *Clin. Exp. Immunol.* article by providing technical support related to the collection of Western blot data. In doing so S. Sumita worked under my direction and control.

5. At the time of preparing the *Clin. Exp. Immunol.* reference K. Mori was a graduate student at the Graduate School of Medicine at Kyoto University. K. Mori contributed to the published *Clin. Exp. Immunol.* article by providing technical support related to the collection of ELISA data. In doing so K. Mori worked under my direction and control.

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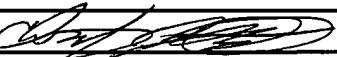
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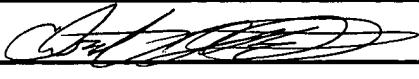
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